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Schemes for Handicraft Sector
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation and utilization of the funds for the Handicraft sector during each of the past three years and the current year for the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study among the people working under handicraft sector in the base level and if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether any new scheme has been introduced/proposed to be introduced for the development of the handcraft sector and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure that the funds released to handicraft sector reach in the right hands and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the projected employment growth in the handicraft sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Funds are not allotted state wise. However, state-wise funds released under above mentioned schemes during the last three years and current year for the state of Tamil Nadu is a under:-

Year Fund released to Tamil Naidu (In lakh)
2013-14 188.20
2014-15 225.63
2015-16 1272.85
2016-17 (upto August 2016) 69.75

(b): Details of the survey/study conducted is as per Annexure-I. A base line survey for mobilization and formation of Self Help Group for 200 artisans has also been conducted during the year 2016-17 under the scheme of Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.

(c): Office of the Development Commissioner [Handicrafts] implements various schemes for promotion and development of handicrafts sector under one umbrella scheme namely "National Handicrafts Development Programme [NHDP]" to emphasize integrated approach for development of handicraft cluster in a holistic manner. The NHDP has following components:
I.A. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana.
i. Dastkar Shashktikaran Yojana.
ii. Design & Technology Upgradation.
iii. Human Resource Development Scheme.
iv. Direct Benefit to Artisans.
v. Infrastructure & Technology Support.
B. Mega Cluster
II. Marketing Support & services.
III. Research and Development.

(d): To ensure that the fund reach in the right hands to the artisans, the government has started the payment directly in the beneficiary bank account.

(e): Handicraft is an unorganized sector. Year-wise employment statistics is not compiled centrally.